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No. 739, dated Calcutta, the 30th April 1887.

From—J. G. G. GRANT, Esq., M.D., Superintendent of Emigration,
To—The Secretary to the Government of Bengal, General Department.

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the report on inland emigration for the year ending the 31st December 1886.

REPORT ON INLAND EMIGRATION FOR THE YEAR 1886.

SECTION I.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

IN January of the year under review, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor was pleased to direct, with reference to the orders in letter from the Finance and Commerce Department, No. 88, dated the 8th January 1886, that in future officers appointed to administer the Inland Emigration Act (I of 1882), when corresponding in their capacity as such in connection with the Inland Labor Transport Fund, shall use only ordinary postage stamps and ordinary covers; and that the cost of forms, registers, and stationery used by such officers shall be debited to that fund.

Service postage stamps and service covers disallowed for correspondence conducted by officers administering the Inland Emigration Act, and the cost of forms and stationery debited to the Inland Labor Transport Fund.

2. The form of batch way-bill originally prescribed in connection with the rules under the Inland Emigration Act required all registered emigrants proceeding to the labor districts to be placed, with their way-bills, for inspection before the Magistrate or Subdivisional officer of every readily accessible station passed on their journey to destination. But in order to prevent, as far as possible, the spread of disease—especially during the prevalence of cholera—and also to avoid the needless detention of coolies on the way, Government approved, in May last, of a revised form of batch way-bill, limiting such inspections to Mugra during five months of the year (*i.e.*, from the 15th January to the 15th June) in the case of all registered coolies halting there with the intention of crossing the river from that station, in order to continue their journey by the Eastern Bengal State Railway; to Jaipur Hât and Dhubri, in the case of those travelling by the Dhubri route; and to Goalundo in the case of those embarking at that place; only such of them as are proceeding thence in country boats to Cachar and Sylhet being required to appear also before the Subdivisional Officer at Naraingunge.

Revised form of batch way-bills, limiting inspections to certain places *en route* to labor districts, approved by Government.

3. It is to be regretted that the proposal to run special trains for the conveyance of coolies travelling to Assam *vid* Dhubri, which Government desired to see carried out, had to be laid aside for the present, as, in communication with the Railway authorities concerned, it was ascertained to be impracticable in consequence of the increased expense it would involve, the uncertainty as to a sufficient number of coolies availing themselves of the arrangements if carried out, and the inability, under the existing law and rules, to insure the collection of a sufficient number for any special train, even if it were possible to run such a train without additional expense. Looking, however, to the advisability of effecting the arrangement when circumstances might favor its introduction, Government desired the proposal to be borne in mind, should the number of coolies travelling by that route at any time increase sufficiently to render its adoption expedient.

Proposal to run special trains for the conveyance of coolies to Dhubri found to be impracticable at present.

4. With a view to reduction of expenditure, a revised scale of establishment for the office of the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo—ensuring an annual saving of Rs. 240—was sanctioned by Government with effect from the 9th of July 1886.

Revised scale of establishment for the office of Embarkation Agent, Goalundo.

5. In accordance with the views expressed in the second paragraph of Government Resolution, dated Darjeeling, the 26th June 1886, on the annual reports for the year 1885 on the working of the Inland Emigration Act in Chittagong and the Chittagong Hill Tracts, rules 190 and 191, relating to places of labor in those districts, were considered inapplicable to the case of imported laborers permanently settled there. These rules were therefore modified to meet requirements, and revised rules 190, 191, having been sanctioned by Government in June 1886, were substituted.

Substitution of revised rules 190 and 191, relating to places of labor in the Chittagong Division, for those originally sanctioned in June 1884.

6. The proposal to establish a subsidised daily steam service between Naraingunge, Cachar, and Sylhet had received the sanction of the Government of India in May 1886, and the India General Steam Navigation Company undertaking the work, expressed the hope that the new line of steamers would begin to run on the 1st of November 1886. The Company, however, were not in a position to start their vessels till the 1st of January 1887, and there was consequently no experience of their working during the year under review, though, as already noticed in the Resolution of Government on last year's Annual Report on Inland Emigration, there is every reason to believe that this accelerated mode of conveyance will not only favor emigration to Cachar and Sylhet, but will also tend to reduce the excessive mortality that has hitherto attended the transport of coolies in country boats to those districts

Accelerated daily steam service to Cachar and Sylhet sanctioned and subsidised by Government.

7. During the latter part of the year it was ascertained that cholera had been introduced into Assam by a number of free emigrants who, concealing the disease, had embarked at Dhubri and communicated it to others. The Chief Commissioner of Assam suggested the desirability, therefore, of arrangements being made with the officials of the Eastern Bengal and Northern Bengal State Railways to send telegraphic intimation to the authorities at Dhubri of the occurrence of cholera amongst any passengers proceeding in trains by that route to Assam. Thus forewarned, the Dhubri emigration officials would be in a position to prevent, as far as possible, the spread of the disease and its conveyance into Assam. Accordingly, under the orders of Government, the Managers of the above-named Railways were requested to instruct their station-masters to telegraph to the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri "the occurrences of cholera in trains among all classes of passengers proceeding to Assam *vid* Dhubri." The completion of these arrangements, however, though they were taken in hand at once, had not been reported when the year closed.

Precaution against the spread of cholera in the case of coolies travelling in trains *vid* Dhubri to Assam.

SECTION II.

RECRUITMENT.

Recruiting Agencies.

(*a*).—*Contractors.*

Serial number.	Names of Contractors.	Licenses.			Situation of depôts.	Remarks.
		Date of grant.		Date of cancellation or termination.		
		Renewed licenses.	Original licenses.			
1	Mr. R. Hendry	3rd March 1886 ...	... ...	1st June 1886 ...	Entally.	
2	,, M. Mackertich	. .	8th March 1886.	.....	Sealdah.	
3	Babu J. N. Dutt	28th April 1886 ...	.....	.....	Ditto.	
4	,, A. T. Mukerjee	12th May ,, ...	.....	.....	Entally.	
5	Mr O. B. Andrews	26th ,, ,, .	.....	,,	Ditto.	
6	Babu B. P. Mitter	Not renewed ...	.....	30th April 1886 ...	Sealdah.	

Evidence of the smaller demand for the assistance of licensed contractors in obtaining laborers for the districts of Assam, Cachar, Sylhet, and Chittagong is afforded by the fact that only three of the six contractors named above worked throughout the year, as Mr. Mackertich opened his depôt in March,

Babu B. P. Mitter closed his depôt in April, and was followed by Mr. Hendry, who closed his depôt in June 1886.

(*b*).—*Recruiters.*

Serial number.	Names of Contractors for whom the recruiters were licensed.	During the year 1886.									Total number of emigrants recruited.	Average number collected by each recruiter.
		Number of licenses granted to recruiters.	Licenses cancelled.									
			For misconduct.		At contractor's request.		At recruiter's request.		Total number.	Percentage to total cancellation.		
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.				
1	Mr. M. Mackertich	39	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	480	12
2	Babu J. N. Dutt	25	.....	.....	... .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	548	22
3	,, A. T. Mukerjee	18	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	.....	.....	896	50
4	Mr. O. B. Andrews ...	15	... ..	.....	.....	....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	760	51
5	,, R. Hendry	8	. .	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	138	17
6	Babu B. P. Mitter	1	. ..	.. ...	.	... ..	.....	.....	... ..	. . ..	117	117
	Total	106	.....	..	....	... ..	.....	.....	...	.....	2,945	27

The number of licensed recruiters employed—106 as against 147 in 1885—and the average number of coolies collected by each recruiter—27 as against 30 in 1885—show in each case that the work of recruitment through contractors and their recruiters had fallen off during the course of the year. Happily it was not found necessary to cancel the license of any recruiter for misconduct.

(*c*).—*Local agents.*

(Licensed under section 59 of Act I of 1882.)

Names of employers and of agents through whom employers obtained licenses for their local agents.	Number of licenses		Local area of recruitment
	Granted.	Cancelled.	
Messrs Schœne, Kilburn and Company ...	4	.....	Hazaribagh and Manbhoom.
,, Balmer, Lawrie and Company ...	1	... ..	Lohardugga
Deputy Commissioner, Chittagong Hill Tracts	1	. ..	Lohardugga.
Messrs. Balmer, Lawrie and Company; Bird and Company; George Henderson and Company; Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company; Grindlay and Company; Finlay, Muir and Company; Planters' Stores and Agency Company, Limited; Barry and Company; Octavius Steel and Company; Jardine, Skinner and Company	20	None	Pachumba, Lohardugga, Singbhoom, Arrah, Buxar, Midnapore, Bankoora, Deoghur, Patna, Gya, Durbhanga, Hazaribagh, Balasore, Cuttack, Monghyr, Bhaugulpore, Beerbhoom, Burdwan, Rajmehal, Nuddea, 24-Pergunnahs, Dumka, Manbhoom, Gobindpur, Ranigunge, and Goalundo.
Messrs. Williamson, Magor and Company; Macneill and Company; Balmer, Lawrie and Company; Whitney Brothers and Company; Octavius Steel and Company; Hoare, Miller and Company; Gisborne and Company; Shaw, Wallace and Company; Devenport and Company; George Henderson and Company; Andrew Yule and Company; Duncan Brothers and Company; D. L. Cowie and Company; Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company; Schœne, Kilburn and Company; Finlay, Muir and Company; King Hamilton and Company; William Moran and Company; Dawson and Ormiston; Planters' Stores and Agency Company, Limited; and Agra Bank, Limited.	13	.....	Ranigunge, Beerbhoom, Singbhoom, Bankoora, Dumka, Shahabad, Gya, Deoghur, Midnapore, Lohardugga, Manbhoom, Hazaribagh, Monghyr, and Rajmehal.
Total ...	39	.....	

Though the number of local agents licensed in 1886 was the same as in 1885, the number of certificated garden sardars, as shown in the following statement, was increased by 385; while the number of sardars who worked under the control of local agents was increased by 423, or on an average about 45 sardars to each agent, as against 35 sardars to each agent for the previous year:—

(*d*) *Garden sardar recruiters.*

Year.	Number of certificates granted.	Number of sardars under local agents.	Number of certificates cancelled.
1886 ...	2,128	1,784	6
1885 ...	1,743	1,361	4
Difference ...	385	423	2

The sardars appear on the whole to have conducted their recruiting operations without committing serious irregularities; for of the six certificates cancelled during the year, four were simply withdrawn, as the services of the sardars were no longer needed, and only one man was deprived of his certificate for the misconduct of recruiting a married woman, in Giridih, without the consent of her husband.

The subjoined figures show for each of the last five years the number of sardars authorized to recruit laborers for the labor districts:—

Year.	Number of certificates granted to garden sardars.
1882	2,329
1883	2,897
1884	3,183
1885	1,743
1886	2,128

As a larger number of sardars were licensed to recruit in 1886 than in 1885, it would be reasonable to infer that a larger number of emigrants were registered under the sardari system of recruitment in 1886 than in 1885, but the fact that this was not the case points to the conclusion that in 1886 many of the sardars did not utilize their certificates. Some may have returned without recruits; but judging from the marked increase of free emigration to Assam *viâ* Dhubri, it seems not improbable that many, not using their certificates, accompanied free emigrants whom they had persuaded to emigrate to the labor districts.

Certificated garden sardarnis, or licensed female recruiters.

(*e*) From information furnished by Magistrates of recruiting districts, it is gathered that, excepting the following instances, no certificated garden sardarnis, or licensed female recruiters, worked during the year 1886.

The Magistrate of Burdwan states that "only four garden sardarnis were at work during the past year under the recruiting agents at Ranigunge. They arrived in the sub-division in November and December last, and had brought in no recruits up to the close of the year. Their working did not in any way come under the Subdivisional Officer's notice officially. Besides the above four sardarnis, there was in the sudder subdivision another sardarni, named Kooloda, who brought only six recruits in June last, who were registered for the South Sylhet Tea Company's estate."

The Deputy Commissioner of Lohardugga observes that "a very insignificant number of female recruiters, or garden sardarnis, were at work in this district during the calender year 1886, and that their work was a failure. There is nothing worthy of notice in connection with their operations." The Subdivisional Officer of Giridih, in reporting the absence during the year of licensed females recruiters, or garden sardarnis, from that subdivision, observes that both licensed and unlicensed male recruiters "employ females to assist them in obtaining recruits, especially widows; and the wives of sirdars assist them in the same way." He observes, however, that "it is extremely difficult to obtain any information regarding such operations, and nothing transpired during the year in connection with them."

(*f*) *Intending emigrants and their dependents.*

Year.	Recruited by licensed recruiters on behalf of contractors.			Recruited by garden sardars.	Total number registered.
	Registered for transmission through licensed depôts.				
	Viâ Calcutta for Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.	*Viâ* Goalundo for Cachar and Sylhet.	Total.	Registered for transmission *viâ* Goalundo, Kooshtea, or other routes exclusive of Dhubri.	
1886	2,945	*Nil.*	2,945	5,373	8,318

Statement showing, for the five years ending the 31st December 1886, the number of emigrants registered for transmission *viâ* Calcutta, Goalundo or Kooshtea, independently of the Dhubri route:—

Year.	Contractors' coolies.	Sardars' coolies.	Total.	Percentage of sardars' to contractors' coolies.
1882	7,995	2,907	10,902	36·3
1883	9,876	5,291	15,167	53·5
1884	7,081	10,235	17,316	144·5
1885	4,398	5,709	10,107	129·8
1886	2,945	5,373	8,318	182·4

The number of emigrants registered in the year 1886 for transmission to the labor districts, independently of the Dhubri route, on account of contractors and garden sardars, was, in each case, smaller than in the previous year. Indeed, as shown in the above statement for the last five years, there has been since the year 1884 a general diminution in the number of emigrants registered for transmission by the above route under both systems of recruitment; but it may be noticed, as evidenced by the increased percentage of sardars' to contractors' coolies, that recruitment on behalf of contractors suffered the larger reduction during the year under review.

From information obligingly furnished by the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri, I am enabled to submit the following particulars relating to sardari emigrants registered to proceed *viâ* Dhubri, and to free and contractors' coolies who passed into the province by that route during the year:—

	Year. 1885.	1886.
Registered emigrants and their dependents recruited by garden sardars. (Figures furnished by district officers) ...	6,297	4,751
Free emigrants not registered. { Placed on local contracts at Dhubri ...	9,113	12,419
Free emigrants not registered. { Who travelled up outside the provision of the Act as free emigrants ...	207	715
Contractors' coolies forwarded from Calcutta, including one dependent	16	16
Total ...	15,633	17,901

As compared with emigration into Assam *viâ* Dhubri during the previous year, the number of contractors' coolies (16) forwarded by that route remained the same, the number of sardari coolies fell off, but the number of free emigrants, as before observed, was markedly increased during the year under review.

It may here be noticed that 17 garden sardars' coolies, who had been registered for transmission *viâ* Dhubri, appear to have changed their plans, as they did not proceed by that route, but, as will be seen hereafter, embarked at Goalundo.

(*g*) *Recruiting districts.*

1. Contractors' coolies transmitted through the Calcutta depôts.

Contractors.	Bengal.									Behar.			Grand Total.
	24-Pergunnahs.	Burdwan.	Hazaribagh.	Bankoora.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Midnapore.	Manbhoom.	Cuttack.	Total.	Monghyr.	Bhagulpore.	Total.	
Babu A. T. Mukerjee	388	439	...	..	37	...	10	...	874	15	7	22	896
Mr. O. B. Andrews	580	50	.	118	1	22	...	...	751	.....	15	15	766
Babu J. N. Dutt	289	86	28	...	5	3	...	9	430	97	31	128	558
Mr. M. Mackertich	219	40	150	5	31	27	...	...	472	8	.....	8	480
,, R. Hendry	35	...	56	...	21	3	...	...	115	23	.....	23	138
Babu B. P. Mitter, ...	99	...	2	...	2	14	...	...	117	.....	.....	.....	117
Total ...	1,590	615	236	123	97	69	10	9	2,749	143	53	196	2,945

(*a*). The recruiting operations of contractors were, as hitherto, confined to Bengal and Behar. It is shown in the following statement of the districts of registration, arranged in the order of priority as sources of supply, that the percentage of those who were *residents* of the districts in which they were registered is (as noticed in former reports) smallest in the case of registrations in the 24-Pergunnahs and Burdwan—because they are places to which laborers coming from other districts in search of work are usually drawn—and largest

in the case of registrations in Midnapore, Bankoora, Hazaribagh, and Manbhoom :—

Provinces.	Total number registered in each district.	Districts in which registered.	Percentage to total number registered in each district of those who were residents of the district in which registered.
Bengal	1,590	24-Pergunnahs	0·56
	615	Burdwan	11·21
	236	Hazaribag	76·27
	123	Bankoorah	78·04
	97	Sonthal Pergunnahs	53·60
	69	Midnapore	82·60
	10	Manbhoom	100
	9	Cuttack	55·5
Total ...	2,749		
Behar	143	Monghyr	76·22
	53	Bhagulpore	62·26
Total ...	196		
Total ...	2,945	of all districts.	

(*b*). The number and percentage of those who were residents and non-residents respectively of the districts in which they were registered are given in the subjoined statement; and particulars as to their original districts of residence are furnished in Statement No. VIII of the appendix, of which the following figures may be regarded as an abstract :—

Provinces.	Districts of registration.	Number of emigrants registered in each district.	Number of residents of district of registration included in number registered.	Percentage of residents (column 4) to number registered (column 3).	Number of emigrants of other districts included in number registered.	Percentage of emigrants of other districts (column 6) to number registered (column 3).
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Bengal	24-Pergunnahs	1,590	9	0·56	1,581	99·43
	Burdwan	615	69	11·21	546	88·78
	Hazaribagh	236	180	76·27	56	23·72
	Bankoora	123	96	78·04	27	21·95
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	97	52	53·60	45	46·39
	Midnapore	69	57	82·60	12	17·39
	Manbhoom	10	10	100	.....	.....
	Cuttack	9	5	55·55	4	44·44
Behar	Monghyr	143	109	76·24	34	23·77
	Bhagulpore	53	33	62·26	20	37·73

(*c*). All the contractors forwarded their coolies from Calcutta; none to Goalundo direct.

It may here be explained that as the contractors have to transact their business directly with employers or their agents residing in Calcutta, they prefer, for the convenience of all concerned and the economy of time and means, to establish their depôts in the Suburbs of Calcutta, where either the employers themselves or their agents are in a position personally to examine and select the laborers they may desire to engage. The depôts at Goalundo, therefore, are ordinarily used merely as places of accommodation for coolies awaiting embarkation at that place.

2. Statement of sardars' emigrants registered in the several districts of Bengal and Behar and forwarded *vid* Goalundo or Kooshtea, independently of contractors, during the year 1886.

Labor districts.	Total of all districts.			Bengal.											Behar.						Grand Total.
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Hazaribagh.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Loharduga.	Manbhoom.	Bankoora.	Burdwan.	Midnapore.	Singbhoom.	Nuddea.	Beerbhoom.	Total.	Shahabad.	Gya.	Monghyr.	Durbhunga.	Bhagulpore.	Total.	
Assam	72	48	120	...	...	81	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	81	...	39	...	...	...	39	120
Cachar	1,562	1,111	2,673	668	266	354	232	206	14	58	30	4	7	1,949	248	198	286	19	23	724	2,673
Sylhet S. ...	2,986	1,094	2,580	476	047	321	181	130	156	81	2	22	6	2,032	174	192	186	...	...	548	2,580
Total ...	8,120	2,253	5,373	1,144	983	756	463	336	170	139	32	26	13	4,062	422	429	468	19	13	1,351	5,373

Though not so marked as in the previous year, there was nevertheless a reduction, to the extent of 336 emigrants, in the number registered through garden sardars for embarkation at Goalundo or Kooshtea. The largest number of emigrants, it may be noticed, were drawn from Hazaribagh, the Sonthal Pergunnahs, Lohardugga, and Manbhoom in Bengal, and from Monghyr and Gya in Behar.

The following summary shows clearly that in the year 1886 the number of emigrants registered for transmission *vid* Calcutta, Goalundo or Kooshtea, whether on behalf of contractors or sardars, was smaller than in the year 1885, and that the greater reduction occurred in the case of coolies recruited for contractors:—

3. Summary.

	Contractors. 1885.	1886.
(1) Number of emigrants and their dependents registered for transmission through the Calcutta depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet	4,398	2,945
	Garden sardars.	
(2) Number of emigrants and their dependents registered to proceed *vid* Goalundo or Kooshtea independently of the depôts to the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet	5,709	5,373
(3) No emigrants were registered for Chittagong either on behalf of contractors or garden sardars	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL ...	10,107	8,318

SECTION III.

TRANSPORT.

(A).—*Routes followed.*

YEAR	Accommodated in the Calcutta depôts.			ARRIVED AT GOALUNDO.										Embarked at Goalundo.				ARRIVED AT DHUBRI FROM CALCUTTA.	REMARKS.
				Vid CALCUTTA.			INDEPENDENTLY OF CALCUTTA.												
				Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat, or on foot to Calcutta; thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo.			Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat, or on foot to Mugra station; thence crossing the Hooghly to Kanchrapara; thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Goalundo.											Travelled by East Indian Railway, or by boat to Calcutta; thence by Eastern Bengal Railway to Damookdia; thence by steam ferry across the Ganges or Pudma to Sara; thence by Northern Bengal State Railway to Rungpore or Kaunia, and thence to Dhubri.	
							Contractors.			Sirdari.									
	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals during the current year.	Total.	Balance of previous year at Goalundo.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Balance of previous year.	Arrivals.	Total.	Grand Total.	For Assam.	For Cachar.	For Sylhet.	Total.		
1886 ...	221	2,885	3,106*	11	2,422	2,433	...	...	...	...	137	137	2,570	984	1,219	361	2,564	16	No emigrants were forwarded to Chittagong during the year.

* Including two infants, born in depôt.

An aggregate of 2,570 emigrants and their dependents proceeded for Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet by the Goalundo route; and of this number, 2,433 were forwarded by contractors from Calcutta, and 137 were accompanied by garden sardars from the recruiting districts. It has already been noticed that of the 137 sardari coolies, 17, who had been registered for transmission *vid* Dhubri, subsequently adopted the Goalundo route; and that, as in the previous year, only 16 coolies were forwarded, by one of the contractors, from Calcutta to Assam *vid* Dhubri.

(B).—Emigrants and their dependents forwarded through the Calcutta depôts.

1. Particulars prior to arrival at Calcutta.

CONTRACTORS.	TOTAL OF ALL DISTRICTS.			PARTICULARS OF MOFUSSIL DEPÔTS.										Total number despatched from all districts.	PARTICULARS OF JOURNEY TO CALCUTTA.								GRAND TOTAL OF CASUALTIES AND DETENTIONS SUBSEQUENT TO REGISTRATION, BUT PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT DEPÔT.		Number arrived.
				Detained.		Discharged.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.			Detained.		Deserted.		Died.		Total.				
	Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	
Babu A. T. Mookerjee	780	116	896	...	...	...	...	4	0·44	...	..	4	0·44	892	...	...	9	1·008	...	...	9	1·008	13	1·45	883
Mr. O. B. Andrews ...	636	130	766	...	...	1	0·13	2	0·26	...	...	3	0·39	763	...	...	14	1·83	...	...	14	1·83	17	2·21	749
Babu J. N. Dutt ...	451	97	548	...	...	2	0·36	12	2·18	...	...	14	2·55	534	...	...	3	0·56	...	...	3	0·56	17	3·10	531
Mr. M. Mackertich ...	381	99	480	...	...	4	0·83	...	...	...	...	4	0·83	476	...	...	7	1·47	...	...	7	1·47	11	2·29	469
,, R. Hendry ...	93	45	138	...	...	2	1·44	...	...	...	...	2	1·44	136	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1·44	136
Babu B. P. Mitter ...	82	35	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	117
Total ...	2,423	522	2,945	...	...	9	0·30	18	0·61	.	...	27	0·91	2,918	...	...	33	1·13	...	...	33	1·13	60	2·03	2,885

The total number of 2,945 emigrants and their dependents, registered for the contractors, suffered a reduction of 60 persons, or 2·03 per cent. before they arrived at the Calcutta depôts. It is satisfactory to notice that at this stage there were no deaths, and the desertions were fewer than in 1885.

2.—Calcutta depôts.

Statement showing the number of coolies who remained in depôt at the close of the previous year, the number accommodated in depôt during the year 1886, *and the manner in which they were disposed of by the close of that year.*

Contractors through whose depôts the coolies were transmitted.	Total number arrived in depôt.	Total number undisposed of last year.	Total number born in depôt.	Total number accommodated in depôt.	Daily average strength of emigrants in depôt.	Daily average sick in depôt.	FINAL REJECTIONS. Number. Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage. Labourers.	Dependents.	Total.	NUMBER DISCHARGED. Number.	Percentage.	NUMBER DESERTED. Number.	Percentage.	MORTALITY. Cholera. Number.	Percentage.	Other causes. Number.	Percentage.	Total. Number.	Percentage.	Total number forwarded to Goalundo.	Number forwarded to Dhubri.	Total number despatched.	Number remaining at the close of the year.
Babu A. T. Mukerjee	883	32	...	915	22·70	0·49	8	...	8	0·87	...	0·87	80	8·74	71	7·75	...	...	3	0·32	3	0·32	681	16	697	50
Mr. O. B. Andrews ...	749	17	1	767	31·54	...	1	...	1	0·13	...	0·13	41	5·34	29	3·78	...	...	2	0·26	2	0·26	681	...	681	13
Babu J. N. Dutt ...	531	37	...	568	24·30	1·95	4	...	4	0·70	.	0·70	40	7·04	67	11·79	...	...	1	0·17	1	0·17	420	...	420	36
Mr. M. Mackertich ...	469	...	1	470	11·0	1·20	1	1	2	0·21	0·21	0·42	19	4·04	23	4·89	1	0·21	...	...	1	0 21	392	...	392	33
,, R. Hendry ...	136	78	...	214	15·0	0·25	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	5·14	59	27·57	...	...	...	...	...	...	144	...	144	...
Babu B. P. Mitter ...	117	57	...	174	5·5	0·1	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	7·47	16	9·19	...	...	...	...	...	...	104	...	104	*
Total ...	2,885	221	2	3,108	18·34	0·66	14	1	15	0·45	0·03	0·48	204	6·56	265	8·52	1	0·03	6	0·19	7	0·22	2,422	16	2,438	138

* 41 unaccounted for by contractor.

3. Dr. Chundra, the Medical Inspector, reports regarding the sanitary state of the depôts that the special monthly inspections made without previous warning by the Medical Inspector, and the bi-weekly visits of the Superintendent of Emigration and Medical Inspector, tended to keep the depôt subordinates attentive to their duties and the condition of the depôts well looked after throughout the year.

Sanitary condition of the depôts.

Overcrowding has not occurred at any time in any of the depôts, and the accommodation sheds have been maintained in good order.

Accommodation.

Dr. Chundra observes also that "the conservancy arrangements have been kept under strict surveillance; cleanliness has been strictly enforced. There has been a free use of disinfectants, and the coolies had plentiful supplies of water for purposes of ablution."

Conservancy.

"The previous bathing arrangements have been kept up. Although there are tanks in most of the depôt compounds, which are always kept in good order, yet the coolies are never allowed to make use of the water for any purpose except for bathing and

Bathing.

washing, and then only after filtration. In Babu A. T. Mukerjee's depôt, however, no tank exists. Here the coolies have therefore the advantage of using the Calcutta municipal hydrant water for their baths."

Water-supply.

"For drinking and cooking purposes nothing but the municipal hydrant water continues to be used. Fresh supplies for all the depôts are obtained from the Circular Road, and the quantity is always abundant."

Food.

"As regards food, there has been nothing to complain of during the year either as to quality or quantity."

Hospitals.

"There has always been kept a good supply of medicines and hospital necessaries in all the depôt dispensaries, and the native doctors in charge have on the whole done their work well Being resident officers, the most responsible part of their work has been to look after the sanitary condition of their respective depôts."

Vaccination.

4. "Vaccine operations have been carried on throughout the year with great care and attention. For this work a special vaccinator has been deputed by the Vaccine Department."

Sickness and mortality.

5. For purposes of comparison the following statement gives the extent of sickness and mortality that prevailed in the depôts during the years 1885 and 1886:—

Diseases.	Totals, 1886. Strength = 2,885.		Totals, 1885. Strength = 4,249.	
	Admitted.	Died.	Admitted.	Died.
Diarrhœa	7	4	25	2
Dysentery	15		30	
Cholera	5	1	9	5
Measles	4	.....	9	.....
Chicken-pox	1	.....	.....	.....
Small-pox	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fever	41	.....	124	1
Venereal affections	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chest ,, ...	2	.. ..	5	2
Other diseases	24	2	107	4
Total ..	99	7	309	14

The Medical Inspector, in commenting on the sickness and mortality in the contractors' depôts, remarks that "the year under review has been on the whole rather a healthy one. The number of sick amounted to 99, or 3·1 per cent. of the total number of coolies lodged in the depôts. This contrasts favorably with the sickness of previous years." The percentages of the last five years have been—

In 1882	6·9	per cent. of	total admissions into depôt.
,, 1883	5·2	ditto	ditto ditto.
,, 1884	6·3	ditto	ditto ditto.
,, 1885	6·9	ditto	ditto ditto.
,, 1886	3·1	ditto	ditto ditto.

"It may further be mentioned here that in one of the depôts, namely, that of Mr. Andrews, not a single case of sickness occurred, with the exception of two infants who came into the depôt only to die in a few hours, as will be presently noticed. Among the 99 cases of sickness mentioned above there were 7 deaths. This gives a percentage of 7·1 to sick, and 2·4 per mille of total population." During the previous two years the rate of mortality was as follows:—

In 1884	6·5	per mille of	total admissions into depôt.
,, 1885	3·1	ditto	ditto ditto.
,, 1886 ...	2·4	ditto	ditto ditto.

"The causes of mortality were—

Cholera	1
Diarrhœa and dysentery	4
Marasmus	2
Total ...	7

"The two cases of marasmus mentioned here were the two infants in Mr. Andrews's depôt. One of them was born in the depôt, and at the time of its birth looked like a prematurely-delivered child—very thin and sickly—that gradually collapsed on the 6th day; and the other was a very sickly little infant, only a few days old, that died only twelve hours after admission into depôt. If these two cases be deducted from the list, the very low rate of mortality reported above would become lower still."

Measles and chicken-pox.

"In the month of March a solitary case of varicella occurred in the depôt of Babu A. T. Mukerjee. Three cases of rubeola also appeared in the same depôt, namely, on the 2nd of May, 21st of May, and the 5th of June; and one case in the depôt of Babu J. N. Dutt on the 17th of June. Those showed themselves as sporadic cases. It could not be ascertained how the individuals got infected, nor did they act as causes of spreading the contagion to others. They were without loss of time sent over to the Campbell Hospital, and the standing orders for preventing the spread of the contagion were strictly enforced with satisfactory results. All these cases made good recoveries."

Cholera.

"During the year under review, cholera raged in a virulently epidemic form both in Calcutta and the suburbs. The epidemic was very widespread, and attended with great mortality; but it is a matter for congratulation that the depôts escaped. Altogether there were only five cases of it, namely,—

1 in Babu A. T. Mukerjee's depôt,
1 „ Mr. Hendry's depôt, and
3 „ „ Mackertich's depôt.

They were all sent to the Campbell Hospital for treatment, and out of these five only one died, which is certainly a low percentage."

6. Judging from the figures in the subjoined statement, the results of the year, at this stage also, bear on the whole favorable comparison with those of the year 1885, for, though the percentage of desertions was somewhat larger, the percentages of deaths, rejections, and discharges were smaller, thus:—

	For the year			
	1885.		1884.	
Daily average strength	29·07		18·34	
Ditto sick in hospital	1·17		0·66	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Rejections, including relatives	58	1·30	22	0·70
Ditto, excluding ditto	33	0·72	15	0·48
Discharges	380	8·98	204	6·56
Desertions	274	6·16	265	8·52
Deaths from cholera	5	0·11	1	0·03
Total deaths from other causes	9	0·20	6	0·19

7. Rejections were due to the following causes:—

Great debility and anœmia	6
Idiocy	4
Epilepsy	1
Ganja smoking	1
Rheumatism	1
Dysentery	1
Double cataract	1
Total	15

The 204 emigrants discharged from the depôts are accounted for in the following manner:—

Requested their discharge before they had been a month in depôt, and discharged accordingly	116
Accompanied their discharged relatives	7
Claimed by relatives	12
Not selected by planters' agents	69
Total	204

As regards desertions, since coolies who abscond carry their reasons with them, it is of course impossible—except in the few instances where deserters return to depôt after having failed in obtaining employment elsewhere—to ascertain the causes of desertion; but, especially in view of the small demand for contractors' coolies during the past year, it is not unlikely that most of the desertions were due to the desire for immediate employment, and consequent disinclination to wait in depôt for the chance of being selected by employers. All coolies, who had completed their month's residence in depôt, and expressed a desire to leave, as they had not been found work, were—after payment to them of compensation—returned in the usual manner, at the expense of the contractor, to the place of registration. As before noticed, the contractors, Babu B. P. Mitter, and Mr. Hendry, closed their business after working for a few months of the year; but while the latter accounted for all his coolies, the former had a balance of 41 coolies unaccounted for, and the efforts to obtain a return of the mode of their disposal failed in securing information; doubtless owing in great measure to the fact of his having closed his depôt, and his inability to furnish a satisfactory reply. It is probable that the coolies were allowed to leave the depôt to be engaged elsewhere, in order to avoid the payment to them of compensation, which would have been awarded them had they been discharged in the usual way with the knowledge and consent of the Superintendent of Emigration.

Duration of contracts entered into by laborers embarked for the labor districts.

8. Of the total number of emigrants, amounting to 2,443, embarked by contractors for the labor districts generally, 1,977 were laborers who proceeded under contracts of service, and 466 were merely dependents who accompanied them. From the subjoined statement of the number of laborers who were despatched by contractors in the years 1885 and 1886 under engagements for terms of three years and five years respectively, it will be seen that the percentage of those who engaged for the longer period of five years during the year 1886 was more than double that of the previous year. This result, I understand from the contractors concerned, may be ascribed chiefly to the greater desire of employers to engage laborers under contracts of five years, and, consequently, to their greater inclination to pay the additional charge made for the grant of bonuses to such coolies as were otherwise unwilling to engage for more than a term of three years. In every case I was careful to satisfy myself that those contracting for the longer period were doing so of their own free will, and with a clear knowledge of the terms of their engagement:—

Labor districts for which engaged.	1885.				1886.			
	Total number of laborers.	Number of laborers who entered into contracts		Percentage of five-year contracts.	Total number of laborers.	Number of laborers who entered into contracts		Percentage of five-year contracts.
		For three years.	For five years.			For three years.	For five years.	
Assam	1,828	1,740	88	4·81	642	530	112	17·44
Cachar	575	571	4	0·69	1,037	953	84	8·10
Sylhet	337	319	18	5·34	298	298	..	...
Total ...	2,740	2,630	110	4·01	1,977	1,781	196	9·91

From figures obligingly furnished by district officers I am enabled to submit the following particulars relating to the execution of contracts in the districts of recruitment by emigrants engaged through garden sardars:—

Total number of laborers engaged by garden sardars, and placed on contract in recruiting districts.	Number of laborers who entered into contracts		Percentage of five-year contracts.
	For three years.	For five years.	
5,904	3,372	2,532	42·88

Thus, of the total number of laborers recruited by garden sardars and placed on contract in the recruiting districts, nearly 43 per cent. engaged for the

longer term of five years. It seems reasonable to conclude that coolies under the influence of garden sardars, in whom they would be likely to have more confidence than in contractors' recruiters, would show less reluctance to engaging for five years than contractors' coolies; and the result above noticed may, I think, in great part be attributed to that cause.

Bi-weekly despatch of emigrants from Calcutta.

9. Though, in the absence of an active demand for contractors' coolies, every depôt did not forward batches twice a week, the arrangements for the bi-weekly despatch of coolies were steadily maintained throughout the year; so that those who had coolies to send were not subjected to needless delay, nor did the coolies themselves suffer any avoidable detention in depôt.

Reduction in the number of emigrants embarked by contractors for Assam and Sylhet.

10. A comparison of the aggregate number of contractors' emigrants embarked during the years 1885 and 1886, respectively, shows that there was a reduction in 1886 of 1,055 emigrants; but this decrease was limited to the numbers embarked for Assam and Sylhet, as the number embarked for Cachar in 1886 exceeded that of the previous year by 487 emigrants:—

Embarked at	Destination.	For the year 1885.	For the year 1886.
Goalundo	Assam	2,293	847
	Cachar	732	1,219
	Sylhet	455	361
Dhubri	Assam	16	14*
	Total ...	3,496	2,441

* Only 14 embarked, as two died at Dhubri.

C.—Goalundo.

1. Since none of the contractors transmitted any emigrants direct to Goalundo, all the coolies forwarded by them during 1886 to that place of embarkation were, as shown in the following statement, sent up from Calcutta:—

Where from	Number despatched.	Deduction for casualties on the journey to Goalundo.	Arrived at Goalundo.
Calcutta depôts	2,422	Nil	2,422
Recruiting districts direct	Nil	Nil	Nil

Summary giving briefly the chief particulars relating to the total number of emigrants forwarded by contractors during the last two years to Goalundo:—

	1885.			1886.		
	Deductions.		Number of souls.	Deductions.		Number of souls.
	Number.	Percentage.		Number.	Percentage.	
Despatched from Calcutta to Goalundo	.....	.....	3,501	.....	.....	2,422
Deduct for casualties on the journey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Born on the journey to Goalundo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arrived at Goalundo from Calcutta	.....	.....	3,501	.....	.....	2,422
Born at Goalundo depôt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Despatched direct from recruiting districts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deduct for casualties on the journey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detentions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Deaths	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Born on the journey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arrived at Goalundo from recruiting districts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Born in depôt	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balance of previous year in Goalundo	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	11
Total number accommodated in depôt	.....	.....	3,506	.....	.....	2,433
Deduct for casualties at Goalundo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Desertions	3	·08	.....	6	0·24	.....
Deaths	5	·14	.....	.....	.....	.....
Release from engagement	4	·11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rejections	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balance available for despatch to labor districts	.....	.....	3,494	.....	.....	2,427
Total number embarked for the labor districts	.....	.....	3,483	.....	.....	2,427
Balance in Goalundo depôt at the close of the year... ...	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	None.

2. As in the year 1885, so also in 1886, there were neither births nor deaths during the train journey of the contractors' coolies from Calcutta to Goalundo, so that the 2,422 emigrants who arrived there in the course of the year, together with the balance of 11 emigrants that remained at Goalundo undisposed of at the close of the previous year, make up a total of 2,433 contractors' coolies who were accommodated at Goalundo in 1886. If to these be added 137 garden sardars' coolies for Assam, who arrived at Goalundo during the year, an aggregate of 2,570 coolies proceeded by that route, and are briefly accounted for in the following manner :—

Embarked ...	Contractors'	2,427	= 2,564
	Sardars'	137	
Deserted (contractors')		6	
Died		Nil	
Released		Nil	
Remaining in depôt at close of year ...		Nil	

With the exception of six desertions, and the birth at Goalundo of one infant—that died so soon after as to be considered "practically still-born" by Dr. Richards—there were no casualties at that place during the year under review, and with the above exceptions every coolie forwarded for embarkation within that period had been embarked by its close. These results are even more favorable than those of 1885.

Embarkation at Goalundo.

3. The aggregate number embarked under the supervision of the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo was nearly a third less than that of the preceding year; and, as before remarked, was due to the smaller numbers despatched to Assam and Sylhet, in consequence, to some extent at least, of the increasing favor with which the sardari and free emigration systems appear to be regarded by employers.

Proportion of dependents decreased.

From a comparison of the corresponding figures of the last two years, it appears, as noticed by Dr. Richards, that in the year under review the proportion of the total number of laboring men was increased, that of laboring women remained the same, while that of children and infants, as shown in the following statement, was reduced :—

From Goalundo.	Percentage embarked.			
	Of children.		Of infants.	
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
For Assam	15·49	18·41	6·29	5·78
,, Cachar	13·66	11·64	7·78	3·28
,, Sylhet	18·77	15·78	7·20	1·66
Total ...	15·53	14·62	6·67	3·91

(D).—Embarkation at Goalundo in steamers for Assam.

Class.	Laborers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta contractors ...	386	256	642	.....	.....	87	69	49	205	847
Garden sardars ...	46	37	83	4	3	18	20	9	54	137
Total ...	432	293	725	4	3	105	89	58	259	984

As above shewn, 984 emigrants embarked during the year for Assam. Of these, 137 proceeded in charge of garden sardars, and the remainder, or 847, were forwarded by contractors from Calcutta.

1. The subjoined statement furnishes brief particulars relating to their conveyance to Assam in licensed steamers :—

Serial number.	Names of vessels.	Names of Medical Officers.	Names of Commanders.	Dates of departure.	Number of days on the passage.	Number of Laborers under conveyance.			Mortality amongst laborers during the passage.								Total percentage of deaths from all causes.	Vessels in which cholera occurred.
									Contractors'.				Garden sardars'.					
									Cholera.		Other diseases.		Cholera.		Other diseases.			
						Contractors'.	Garden sardars'.	Total.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
				1886.														
1	"Dhubri" ...	Nil	R. L. Gahan ...	4th January ...	17	11	...	11	.	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.....
2	"Indore" ...	J. H. Gorman ..	J. W. Fox ...	16th ,, ...	13	51	29	80	2	2·5	...	.	...	...	.	...	2·5	Cholera.
3	"Lahore" ...	R. Sinclair ...	S. Haley ...	24th ,, ...	18	52	.	52	..	..	...	. .	...	..	...	...	...	..
4	"Simla" ...	H. Cann ...	C. F. Gruzelier ...	8th February	16	64	...	64	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	..	...
5	"Tezpore" ...	W. C. Ghose ...	W. Rode ...	14th ,, ..	17	116	...	116	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	.	.....
6	"Bengal" ...	J. H. Gorman ...	G. A. Wright ...	25th ,, ...	15	38	43	81	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	. .
7	"Scinde" ...	K. C. Sarbadhicary	W. Lemon ...	5th March ...	16	18	16	34	...	...	...	. .	...	.	...	.	.	... .
8	"Mysore" ...	Meer Nuzuffally...	W. Elder	19th ,, ...	12	25	.	25	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..		
9	"Lahore" ...	R. Sinclair ...	H Haley	4th April ...	16	60	5	65	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	. .
10	"Cashmere"	K. C. Sarbadhicary	J. Watson	15th ,, .	14	51	...	51	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	.	.	..
11	"Tezpore" ...	W. C. Ghose ...	J. Rode ...	25th ,, ...	16	18	2	20	...	...	1	5·0	..	...	...	.	5 0	.
12	"Mirzapore"	R. Sinclair ...	C. Fence ...	2nd May .	13	42	...	42	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	. ..
13	"Dibrugarh"	Nil	J. W. Faichney ...	9th ,, ...	10	19	...	19	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		.....
14	"Mysore" .	Horo Lall Dutt	W. Elder	14th ,, ..	9	54	.	54	...	...		...	...	...	...	..	.	..
15	"Indore" ...	W. C. Ghose ..	J. W. Fox ...	3rd June ...	16	59	...	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	... ..
16	"Cashmere"	K. C. Sarbadhicary	J. Watson ...	18th ,, ..	14	28	...	28	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	.....
17	"Cashmere"	Nil	G. A. Wright ...	18th August .	16	11	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
18	"Simla" ...	Nil	C. F. Gruzelier ...	28th ,, ...	14	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	.
19	"Loohit" ...	Nil	Serang ...	30th September	8	10	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		... .
20	"Dejoo" ...	R K. Sen ..	Serang ...	20th October ...	8	10	...	10	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	... ..
21	"Sibsagar"	J. R. McCormick	F. Fenchee ...	31st ,, ..	7	31	...	31	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
22	"Golaghat"	K. C. Sarbadhicary	R. L. Gahan ...	7th November	8	6	4	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	. ..
23	"Jorehat" ...	R. Sinclair .	J. H. Walker ..	29th ,, ...	7	31	10	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	.	.....
24	"Golaghat" ..	K. C. Sarbadhicary	R. L. Gahan ..	5th December	5	12	16	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	... ..
25	"Jorehat" ...	K. C. Sarbadhicary	J. H. Walker ...	19th ,, ...	7	15	12	27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	"Kulsi" ..	K. C. Bannerjee .	Serang ...	25th ,, ...	6	7	...	7	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	... .
				Total ...	...	847	137	984	2	0·20	1	0·10	...	...	...	...	0·30	.

	1883.	1884.	1885.	1886.
Total number of trips	50	40	41	26
Do. without cholera	46	31	40	25
Do. souls conveyed	3,008	2,890	2,543	984
Percentage of total deaths	0·48	0 83	0·27	0 30

	Days.	Hrs.	Days.	Hrs.	Days.	Hrs.	Days.	Hrs.
Average length of passage	17	0	15	18	15	0	12	6
Ditto number conveyed on each trip		78		72		62		37

As in 1885, cholera appeared on one trip only, that of the steamer *Indore*, in January, when two deaths occurred. The total percentage of deaths from all causes was nearly the same as that of the previous year, or 0·30 per cent., as against 0·27 per cent. in 1885; but there was an improvement in the aveage length of passage, which was about 12 days, as against 15 days for the previous year.

Mortality in certain steamers.

2. It may be seen from the following statement that the steamer *Bengal*, the only vessel that had five fatal cases of cholera during her single trip in 1885, had no deaths from that or any other disease in 1886:—

Number of trips.	Names of vessels.	Names of Commanders.	Number conveyed.	Mortality on the passage		
				Cholera.	Other causes.	Total percentage.
2	"Tezpore"	Mr. J. Rode	136	.. ..	1	0·73
2	"Lahore"	,, L. Haley	117	.....	.....	.....
2	"Simla"	,, C. F. Gruzelier	73	.....	.....	.....
2	"Jorehat"	,, J. H. Walker	69	.....	.....	.....
1	"Mirzapore"	,, C. Dence	42	... ..	... ..	.. ..
2	"Golaghat"	,, R. L. Gahan	38	.....	... ..	.....
1	"Sibsagar"	,, F. Fenchee	31	.....	.....	.....
1	"Dibrugarh"	,, J. W. Faichney	19	... ..	.....	.....
1	"Dhubri"	,, R. L. Gahan	11	.....	.. ...	... ..
2	"Indore"	,, J. W. Fox	139	2	.....	1·43
3	"Cashmere"	,, G. A. Wright	90	.....	.....	.... .
1	"Bengal"	,, G. A. Wright	81	.....	.....	... ..
2	"Mysore"	,, W. Elder	79	... ..	.....	. . ..
1	"Scinde"	,, W. Lemon	34	.....	.....	.....
1	"Loohit"	Serang	10	. . .	.....	.....
1	"Dejoo"	Ditto	10	.... .	.....	... ..
1	"Kulsi"	Ditto	7	.. .	.....	. .. .
Total 26			984	2	1	0·30

The mortality, only three deaths, that occurred on the passage was confined to contractors' coolies, and affected only men, women, and children, for the infants, as in 1885, escaped entirely :—

	1886.			
	Cholera.		Other causes.	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Men	1	0·25	.....	....
Women	.....	.....	1	0 39
Children	1	0·64	... ..	.....
Infants	.....	.....	.....	.....

3. The subjoined statement gives the average length of passage for each of the seventeen steamers licensed during the year for the conveyance of coolies :—

The India General Steam Navigation Company.

Steamers.	Number of days.
"Tezpore"	11½
"Lahore"	17
"Simla"	15
"Jorehat"	7
"Mirzapore"	13
"Golaghat"	10
"Sibsagar"	7
"Dibrughur"	10
"Dhubri"	17

The River Steam Navigation Company.

Steamers.	Number of days.
"Indore"	14½
"Cashmere"	14½
"Bengal"	15
"Mysore"	10½
"Scinde"	16
"Loohit"	8
"Dijoo"	8
"Kulsi"	6

General accommodation and fittings on board licensed river steamers.

4. Judging from the remarks of inspecting officers in the way-bills of the above-named vessels, the accommodation, water-supply and sanitary arragements for each trip appear to have met requirements.

(E).—*Embarked at Goalundo for Cachar and Sylhet.*

Contractors.	Number embarked for Cachar.									
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	639	398	1,037	.....	.....	80	62	40	182	1,219
Total ...	639	398	1,037	.....	.....	80	62	40	182	1,219

Contractors.	Number embarked for Sylhet.									
	Labourers.			Dependents.						Grand Total.
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	
Calcutta	159	139	298	.....	.....	25	32	6	63	361
Total	159	139	298	....	.....	25	32	6	63	361

1. Excluding a batch of 13 men, 6 women and 1 boy conveyed safely to Cachar by steamer, it is reported by the Embarkation Agent that 92 country boats were engaged during the year in conveying the above emigrants to Cachar and Sylhet, giving an average of about 17 coolies to each boat. Though, as the result of 13 desertions on the way, the total loss during conveyance in boats was somewhat larger in 1886 than in 1885, the death-rate from cholera

and other causes was fortunately smaller, as may be seen from the following particulars of the casualties *en route*:—

Casualties.		1885.		1886.	
		Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Desertions	...	*Nil.*	*Nil.*	13	0·82
Deaths ... Cholera ...	...	11	0·92	14	0·88
Deaths ... Other causes	...	4	0 33	4	0 25
Total	...	15	1·26	31	1·96

2. Three infants are reported to have been born on the journey, one of whom died immediately after its birth; but as there was an aggregate loss, during transport, of 31 emigrants, the total number that arrived at destination during the course of the year 1886, amounted to 1,552.

(F).—*General summary.*

1. The following statement is a summary of the general results of emigration, as conducted through licensed contractors, during the year under review; and accounts briefly for the manner in which the emigrants and their dependents, recruited on their behalf, were disposed of by the close of that year:—

Contractor's coolies.

Class.	Number registered.	Balance of previous year.	Detentions in mofussil of previous year.	Number born on the way to Goalundo.	Number born in depôt.	Total.	Total deductions on account of all causes.	Percentage.	Routes by which forwarded.	Total number landed at destination.		Balance in depôt at the close of year.
Originally transmitted through the Calcutta depôts. Contractors' ...	2,945	232	...	...	2	3,179	593		Goalundo	844	Assam.	
										1,198	Cachar.	
										354	Sylhet.	
									Dhubri ..	14	Assam.	
Total of 1886 ...	2,945	232	...	...	2	3,179	(a) 634	19·94	.. ...	(b) 2,410	.....	138
„ of 1885 ...	4,398	195	3	...	5	4,601	894	19·43	... ..	(c) 3,480	.....	232

(a) Including 41 coolies unaccounted for by contractor.
(b) „ 2 infants born on the passage.
(c) „ 5 „ „ „ „

A comparison of the corresponding general results of the last two years shews that in 1886 the aggregate number forwarded by contractors was smaller; that while the number despatched by them for Cachar was larger, the number for Assam *vid Dhubri* remained the same; that the death-rate was somewhat larger, but the percentage of rejections was smaller; and that the percentage of total deductions, due to all causes, was slightly larger than in the previous year.

2.—Garden sardars' coolies.

Statement of Sardari Emigrants registered in Bengal for Labor Districts in the year 1886.

Name of Labor Districts.	Number registered in recruiting districts.	NUMBER ACCOUNTED FOR IN WAY-BILLS RECEIVED.													Number unaccounted for owing to non-receipt of way-bills.
		Aggregate number entered in way-bills.	Number of casualties on the Journey.						Deserted.		Left behind		Total casualties.		Number arrived in labor districts.	
			Died.													
			Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.									
			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.		
Cachar	2,673	2,208	128	5·79	25	1·13	153	6·92	21	0·95	13	0·58	187	8·46	2,021	465
Sylhet	2,580	2,416	88	3 64	8	0·33	96	3·97	21	0·86	9	0 37	126	5·21	2,290	104
Total ...	5,253	4,624	216	4·67	33	0·71	249	5·38	42	0·90	22	0·47	313	6·77	4,310	639

3. Of the 5,253 sardari emigrants registered during the year for Cachar and Sylhet, 4,624 have been accounted for by the receipt of 432 batch way-bills furnishing particulars relating to them; but of the remainder, or 629 emigrants, nothing is yet known here, owing to the non-receipt of their way-bills. Though still imperfect, these results are far more satisfactory than any yet attained in connection with the presentation and transmission of sardari way-bills. Since, in the absence of any other sources of information regarding sardari batches, inferences drawn from the incomplete particulars available cannot be accepted as altogether reliable, nevertheless, a comparison of the above figures with those of 1885 shows that, excepting the smaller number "left behind" (0·47 per cent., as against 2·23 per cent. in 1885), the general results of the last two years, as regards mortality and desertions, do not appear to be very dissimilar. In view of the instructions received last February, a statement is annexed furnishing the information called for by Government in regard to the number of way-bills relating to contractors' and sardari coolies:—

Way-bills.

Statement of Way-bills of registered Emigrants who proceeded to Labor Districts viâ *Goalundo and Dhubri during the year* 1886.

Labor Districts.	PROCEEDED *Vid* GOALUNDO.											
	WAY-BILLS.						REGISTERED EMIGRANTS.					
	Total number covering forwarded emigrants.		Number returned from labor districts.		Number not returned from labor districts.		Total number forwarded to labor districts.		Number covered by returned way-bills.		Number whose way-bills were not returned.	
	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.	Contractor.	Sardari.
Assam	41	20	7	.....	34	20	847	137	112	....	735	137
Cachar	63	271	41	216	22	55	1,219	2,673	799	2,208	423	465
Sylhet	20	238	14	216	6	22	361	2,580	213	2,416	148	164
Total ...	124	529	62	432	62	97	2,427	5,390	1,124	4,624	1,303	766
	PROCEEDED *Vid* DHUBRI.											
Assam	1	628	1	68	.....	557	16	4,734	16	648	.....	4,086

From the records of this office it appears that the way-bills of Cachar and Sylhet coolies are not in every instance received through the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo, as a small proportion have been forwarded to this office direct from the labor districts; while all those of Assam coolies, that have come to hand, were received from the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri.

SECTION IV.

DHUBRI.

The figures in the subjoined statement of the number of coolies recruited and registered through garden sardars, for transmission to Assam *viâ* Dhubri, have been collected from registration statements received from district officers:—

Labor districts for which registered, and route selected.	TOTAL OF ALL DISTRICTS.			BENGAL.										BEHAR.				GRAND TOTAL.
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Hazaribagh.	Manbhoom.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Lohardugga.	Burdwan.	Bankoora.	Midnapore.	Singbhoom.	Beerbhoom.	Total.	Monghyr.	Gya.	Shahabad.	Total.	
Assam *vid* Dhubri	2,784	1,967	4,751	1,610	906	780	527	172	185	137	9	6	4,332	248	167	4	419	4,751*

* 17 of these coolies proceeded *vid* Goalundo.

Recruitment for Assam under the garden sardar system was not so active as in 1885, when 6,297 were registered for Assam *vid* Dhubri, as against 4,751 in 1886. This decrease, considered in connection with the increase of free emigration into Assam by the same route, points to the growing popularity of the free emigration system.

The districts in which garden sardars recruited the largest numbers of laborers continued to be Hazaribagh, Manbhoom, the Sonthal Pergunnahs, and Lohardugga in Bengal, besides Monghyr and Gya in Behar.

In the absence of the statistics of emigration through Dhubri, I regret my inability to furnish the particulars that have hitherto been compiled from them for previous annual reports.

SECTION V.

DEPARTMENTAL.

1.—*Calcutta.*

Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. J. F. P. McConnell continued to officiate as Medical Inspector of Emigrants till the 26th of June 1886, when Dr. Chundra returned from leave and resumed charge of the duties.

The Personal Assistant.

2. My acknowledgments are due to Mr. E. R. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, for the efficient and painstaking manner in which he conducted the duties devolving on him.

The office.

3. The nominal roll of the office establishment continued unchanged, and the head clerk and assistants discharged their duties satsfactorily. Correspondence relating to inland emigration was—

Of letters, &c., received	...	...	...	...	2,774,
Ditto, &c., issued	...	...	...	...	2,217,
			Total	...	4,991,

showing a decrease in the total correspondence dealt with during the year as compared with the previous year.

2.—*Goalundo.*

Superintendent of Emigration and Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

Dr. V. Richards, the Superintendent of Emigration, Embarkation Agent, and Medical Inspector of Emigrants at Goalundo, was in charge from the beginning of the year till the 27th of June 1886, when—deputed to other duty—he was relieved by Mr. W. C. Müller, the Subdivisional Officer, who continued in charge to the close of the year; while Dr. C. C. Bose, appointed to officiate as Medical Inspector of Emigrants in August 1886, acted during Dr. Richard's absence.

Revision of Embarkation Agent's office establishment.

2. The head clerk, Babu Kali Kristo Sreemany, of the Embarkation Agent's office, having been permitted to retire on pension from the 17th of March 1886, the opprotunity was taken, by revising the office establishment, of effecting a reduction of its cost.

SECTION VI.

APPENDIX.

IA.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *vid* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam.

B.—Return of number of emigrants despatched *vid* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Cachar and Sylhet.

IIA.—Return of despatches of emigrants by steamers to Assam.

B.—Return of despatches of emigrants by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet.

III.—Return of method of recruitment of emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet

IV.—Return of mortality among emigrants despatched *viâ* Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet.

VA.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Calcutta.

B.—Return of results of medical examination of emigrants in the depôts at Goalundo.

VIA.—Return of depôt and other hospitals at Calcutta.

B —Return of depôt and other hospitals at Goalundo.

VII.—Return of emigrants despatched to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet by contractors.

VIII.—Return of classification according to native districts of emigrants registered to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet *viâ* Calcutta.

IX.—Return of mortality among non-emigrant passengers and crew on Assam steamers.

STATEMENT IA.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Assam by the Goalundo and Kooshtea route during the year 1886.

1	2		3												4		5										6		7										8	
MONTHS.	NUMBER DESPATCHED		JOURNEY TO THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.												Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		STAY AT THE PLACE OF EMBARKATION.										Number embarked on board the steamer.		VOYAGE TO DESTINATION.										Number landed at the destination.	
			Addition.		Casualties.												Addition.		Casualties.										Addition.		Casualties.									
					A.				B.		C.		D.						A.				B.		C.		D.				A.				B.		C.		D.			
	From Calcutta.	From recruiting districts.			From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.						From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 43 and 47.		Total.				From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.			
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.
January 1886 ...	264	103	23	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	287	132	...	11	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	164	143	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	164	141
February ,, ...	410	238	57	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	466	281	121	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	568	261	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	568	261
March ,, ...	340	59	10	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	350	75	19	19	2	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	5	1	355	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	354	59
April ,, ...	214	95	53	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	267	102	9	34	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	265	136	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	262	135
May ,, ...	237	174	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	237	174	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	245	115	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	245	115
June ,, ...	196	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	28	...	59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	195	87	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	196	87
July ,, ...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	...
August ,, ...	24	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	19	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	19
September ,, ...	53	10	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	10
October ,, ...	92	41	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	83	41
November ,, ...	316	37	48	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	364	47	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	384	47	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	382	47
December ,, ...	85	84	36	32	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	121	66	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	109	66	...	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	5	104	66
Total ...	2,315	838	251	137	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2,565	975	178	123	4	...	1	...	3	2	3	...	11	2	2,543	984	2	...	5	2	2	1	5	...	...	2,533	981

GOALUNDO,

The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,

Embarkation Agent.

Statement IB.

Return of Emigrants despatched to Cachar and Sylhet by the Goalundo and Kooshtea route during the year 1886.

1	2				3												4		5										6		7										8	
Months.	Number despatched				Journey to the place of embarkation.												Number arrived at the place of embarkation.		Stay at the place of embarkation.										Number embarked on board the country boat.		Voyage to destination.										Number landed at the destination.	
	From Calcutta.		From recruiting districts.		Addition.		Casualties.												Addition.		Casualties.										Addition.		Casualties.											
							A.				B.		C.		D.						A.				B.		C.		D.				A.				B.		C.		D.			
							From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.						From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Discharged under sections 43 and 47.		Total.				From cholera.		From other diseases.		Deserted.		Left behind from whatever causes.		Total.			
	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1885.	1886.	1886.	1886.
January 1886 ...	110	134	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	134	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	111	122	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	123
February ,, ...	176	144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	176	144	3	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	152	116	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	150	116
March ,, ...	186	189	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	186	189	27	40	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	213	229	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	1	7	218	222
April ,, ...	213	120	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	213	120	...	1	*	*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	213	120	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5	5	218	115
May ,, ...	58	155	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	155	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	58	153	2	...	3	2	1	...	...	1	5	4	55	149
June ,, ...	46	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46	97	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	46	97	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	3	3	46	94
July ,, ...	197	186	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	197	186	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	197	114	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	196	114
August ,, ...	135	159	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	135	159	...	72	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	134	229	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	134	228
September ,, ...	...	110	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93
October ,, ...	42	113	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	113	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	128	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	27	127
November ,, ...	...	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	77	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	77	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	16	74
December ,, ...	23	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	100	...	2	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	5	23	97
Total ...	1,186	1,584	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,186	1,584	52	139	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	4	1,190	1,580	3	3	11	14	4	4	...	13	...	...	15	31	1,178	1,553

* Born and died.

GOALUNDO,
The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT IIA.

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea by steamer to Assam during the year 1886.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9
Month.	Name of steamer conveying emigrants.	Number of way-bill.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	Date of arrival at Dhubri.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE VOYAGE TO DESTINATION. Between place of embarkation and Dhubri.	Between Dhubri and Dibrugarh.	Date of arrival at destination.	REMARKS.
January 1886	"Dhubri" ...	1	4th January 1886	11	7th January 1886	Nil.	Nil.	20th January 1886	
,, ,,	"Indore" ...	2	16th ,, ,,	80	20th ,, ,,	1	1	28th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Lahore"	3	24th ,, ,,	52	28th ,, ,,	Nil.	Nil.	10th February ,,	
February ,,	"Simla"	4	8th February ,,	64	12th February ,,	Nil.	Nil.	23rd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Tezpore"	5	14th ,, ,,	116	20th ,, ,,	... ..	... ..	2nd March ,,	
,, ,,	"Bengal"	6	25th ,, ,,	81	1st March ,,	.....	.....	11th ,, ,,	
March ,,	"Scinde"	7	5th March ,,	34	9th ,, ,,	.....	.....	20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Mysore"	8	19th ,, ,,	25	23rd ,, ,,	.....	.. ..	30th ,, ,,	
April ,,	"Lahore"	9	4th April ,,	65	8th April ,,	.....	.....	19th April ,,	
,, ,,	"Cashmere"	10	15th ,, ,,	51	18th ,, ,,	... .	.....	28th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Tezpore"	11	25th ,, ,,	20	29th ,, ,,	. ..	.....	10th ,, ,,	
May ,,	"Mirzapore" ...	12	2nd May ,,	42	6th May ,,	... ..	.. ..	14th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Dibrugarh	13	9th ,, ,,	19	13th ,, ,,	... ..	.....	18th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Mysore" ...	14	14th ,, ,,	54	18th ,, ,,	.....	.....	22nd ,, ,,	
June ,,	"Indore"	15	13th June ,,	59	7th June ,,	... ..	... .	18th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Cashmere" .	16	18th ,, ,,	28	21st ,, ,,	.....	.....	1st July ,,	
August ,,	"Cashmere" ...	17	19th August ,,	11	21st August ,,	.....	..	2nd September,,	
,, ,,	"Simla" ...	18	28th ,, ,,	8	3rd September,,	.....	.....	10th ,, ,,	
September ,,	"Loohit" ...	19	30th September,,	10	3rd October ,,	.....	.....	7th October ,,	
October ,,	"Dejoo"	20	20th October ,,	10	22nd ,, ,,	.....	.....	27th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Silsagar"	21	30th ,, ,,	31	2nd November,,	.....	.....	6th November ,,	
November ,,	"Jorehat"	22	7th November ,,	6	10th ,, ,,	... ..	.....	14th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Jorehat" ..	23	28th ,, ,,	41	30th ,, ,,	. . ..	.....	5th December ,,	
December ,,	"Golaghat" ...	24	5th December ,,	16	7th December ,,	... .	.....	9th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Jorhat"	25	19th ,, ,,	27	20th ,, ,,	.....	.. ...	25th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Kulsi"	26	25th ,, ,,	7	25th ,, ,,	..	.....	30th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	"Golaghat"	27	26th ,, ,,	16	26th ,, ,,	.....	.....	31st ,, ,,	
TOTAL ...	....		.....	984	... ..	1	1	....	

GOALUNDO,
The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT IIB.

Return showing number of Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea by country boats to Cachar and Sylhet during the year 1886.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
MONTH.	Number of boats conveying a despatch.	Number of way-bills.	Name of labor district to which emigrants were conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE PASSAGE TO LABOR DISTRICT. Cachar.	Sylhet.	DATE OF ARRIVAL AT LABOR DISTRICT. Cachar.	Sylhet.
January 1886	1	1	Cachar	7th January 1886	23	....	..	29th January 1886	..
,, ,,	1	2	Do. ...	15th ,, ,,	26	.	.....	6th February ,,	
,, ,,	1	3	Do. ...	15th ,, ,,	15	... ..	..	3rd ,, ,,	..
,, ,,	1	4	Do. ...	20th ,, ,,	24	.... .	..	,, ,,	.....
,, ,,	1	5	Do. ...	23rd ,, ,,	17	... .	.....	19th February 1886	
,, ,,	1	6	Do. ...	28th ,, ,,	17	.....	... ..	24th ,, ,,	.. ..
February ,,	1	7	Sylhet	1st February ,,	12	... ..	. ..	..	4th February 1886
,, ,,	2	8	Cachar ..	8th ,, ,,	35	... .	.....	4th March 1886	.....
,, ,,	1	9	Do. ...	19th ,, ,,	21	. ..	. .	8th ,, ,,	....
,, ,,	2	10	Do. ...	22nd ,, ,,	34	... ..	... .	22nd ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	11	Sylhet ...	22nd ,, ,,	14	.	..	.. ..	8th March 1886
March ,,	1	12	Cachar ...	2nd March ,,	24	..	.....	25th March 1886	...
,, ,,	1	13	Do. ...	2nd ,, ,,	16	... ..	..	2.th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	14	Do. ...	6th ,, ,,	17	.....	... ..	29th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	2	15	Sylhet ...	8th ,, ,,	44	.....	2	..	20th March 1886
,, ,,	2	16	Cachar	12th ,, ,,	33	.....	... ..	6th April 1886	
,, ,,	1	17	Do. ...	16th ,, ,,	15	1	.... .	12th ,, ,,	.
,, ,,	1	18	Do. ...	21nd ,, ,,	21	.....	.. ...	23rd ,, ,,	... .
,, ,,	4	19	Do. .	22nd ,, ,,	22	3	..	19th ,, ,,	..
,, ,,	1	20	Sylhet ...	23rd ,, ,,	10	... ..	1	..	10th April 1886
,, ,,	1	21	Do. ...	29th ,, ,,	14	.. ..	.....	.	11th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	22	Cachar ...	29th ,, ,,	13	. ..	.....	23rd April 1886	.
April ,,	2	23	Do. ...	10th April ,,	41	.	. ....	10th May ,,	...
,, ,,	2	24	Do.	12th ,, ,,	45	.....		2nd ,, ,,	...
,, ,,	2	25	Do.	24th ,, ,,	34	..	.....	23rd ,, ,,	
May ,,	2	26	Do. ...	4th May ,,	34	1	.... .	31st ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	27	Sylhet ...	4th ,, ,,	16	.....	1	...	21st May 1886
,, ,,	2	28	Do. ..	6th ,, ,,	30	.	... ..	... ..	24th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	29	Do.	9th ,, ,,	6	..	.... .	...	29th ,, ,,

STATEMENT IIB—*concluded.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	
MONTH.	Number of boats conveying a despatch.	Number of way-bills.	Name of labor district to which emigrants were conveyed.	Date of departure from place of embarkation.	Number of emigrants embarked.	NUMBER OF DEATHS ON THE PASSAGE TO LABOR DISTRICT.		DATE OF ARRIVAL AT LABOR DISTRICT.	
						Cachar.	Sylhet.	Cachar.	Sylhet.
May 1886	2	30	Cachar	16th ,, ,,	40	1		10th June 1886	
,, ,,	1	31	Sylhet	31st ,, ,,	27				13th June ,,
June ,,	1	32	Do.	10th June ,,	22				28th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	33	Do.	11th ,, ,,	20				25th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	34	Do	18th ,, ,,	18				28th ,, ,,
,, ,,	2	35	Cachar	19th ,, ,,	37	1		12th July 1886	
July ,,	3	36	Do	13th July ,,	37			2nd August ,,	
,, ,,	1	37	Sylhet	13th ,, ,,	14				20th July 1886
,, ,,	2	38	Cachar	13th ,, ,,	21			7th August 1886	
,, ,,	1	99	Do.	18th ,, ,,	20*			25th July ,,	
,, ,,	1	40	Do.	24th ,, ,,	22			15th August ,,	
August ,,	2	41	Cachar	2nd August ,,	35			20th August 1886	
,, ,,	1	42	Sylhet	2nd ,, ,,	18				10th August 1886
,, ,,	1	43	Cachar	2nd ,, ,,	17			19th August 1886	
,, ,,	1	44	Sylhet	5th ,, ,,	20				16th August 1886
,, ,,	3	45	Cachar	12th ,, ,,	42	1		9th September 1886	
,, ,,	1	46	Sylhet	10th ,, ,,	8				24th August 1886
,, ,,	1	47a	Do	15th ,, ,,	19				27th ,, ,,
,, ,,	1	48	Cachar	24th ,, ,,	30			10th September 1886	
,, ,,	1	49	Do.	24th ,, ,,	15			13th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	50	Do.	24th ,, ,,	24			16th ,, ,,	
September ,,	1	51	Do.	4th September ,,	23	1		19th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	2	52	Sylhet	16th ,, ,,	31				29th September 1886
,, ,,	1	53	Cachar	16th ,, ,,	10			6th October 1886	
,, ,,	1	54	Do.	16th ,, ,,	16	1		4th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	55	Do.	29th ,, ,,	15			15th ,, ,,	
October ,,	1	56	Do.	2nd October ,,	15			25th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	57	Do.	2nd ,, ,,	19			28th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	58	Do.	2nd ,, ,,	22			25th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	2	59	Do.	24th ,, ,,	36			22nd November ,,	
,, ,,	2	60	Do	25th ,, ,,	36			16th ,, ,,	
November ,,	1	61	Sylhet	15th November ,,	17				28th November 1886
,, ,,	1	62	Cachar	21st ,, ,,	12	1		9th December 1886	
,, ,,	1	63	Do.	27th ,, ,,	16			20th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	64	Do.	29th ,, ,,	11			16th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	65	Do.	29th ,, ,,	21			21st ,, ,,	
December ,,	1	66	Do.	5th December ,,	13			24th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	67	Do.	11th ,, ,,	17	2		8th January 1887	
,, ,,	1	68	Do.	13th ,, ,,	16			8th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	69	Do.	19th ,, ,,	20	1		15th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	70	Do.	20th ,, ,,	9			15th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	71	Do.	23th ,, ,,	14			15th ,, ,,	
,, ,,	1	72	Do.	25th ,, ,,	12			11th ,, ,,	
				Total ...	1,580	14	4		

* Per railway despatch steamer.

GOALUNDO,
The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,
Superintendent of Emigration & Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT III.

Return showing how Emigrants despatched from Goalundo and Kooshtea were recruited.

1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8
MONTH.	Registered in their district on behalf of contractors at Calcutta.		Registered and contracted in their district through garden sardars (Assam only).		Registered in their district on behalf of contractor and contracted at place of embarkation.		Arrived as free emigrants but were registered on behalf of contractors and contracted at the place of embarkation.		Proceeded as free emigrants independently of Emigration Act.		Total.		REMARKS.
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents	Laborers.	Dependents	Laborers.	Dependents.	
January 1886	192	45	14	15					130	44	336	104	
February ,,	203	89	28	15					324	127	645	231	
March ,,	187	61	11	5					275	73	473	199	
April ,,	103	52	4	3					168	26	335	81	
May ,,	259	70							116	23	375	93	
June ,,	99	26							319	66	418	92	
July ,,	166	20							127	20	293	40	
August ,,	153	25							66	19	218	44	
September ,,	100	20							24	2	124	22	
October ,,	130	24							156	38	286	62	
November ,,	98	18	7	6					153	26	256	47	
December ,,	117	17	19	13					35	25	171	55	
Total ..	1,955	467	83	54	...	.....	.....	.....	1,892	489	3,930	1,010	

GOALUNDO,
The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT

Return of Mortality among the Class of Emigrants despatched from

| Year. | 1 | | |

No. IV.

Goalundo and Kooshtea to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year 1886.

| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

STATEMENT VA.

Return showing results of examination of Emigrants at Calcutta Depôts during the year 1886.

1	2						3							4													
NAMES OF CONTRACTORS.	Number medically examined on arrival.						Number passed as fit to travel.							Number rejected													
														For return to their homes.						For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.						
	1885.			1886.			1885.				1886.			1885.			1886.			1885.				1886.		
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Total.	Percentage.
Mr. R. Hendry ...	815	404	1,219	91	45	136	789	404	1,193	97·86	91	45	136	100·00	14	...	14	1·14	...	...	...	...	92	24	116	9·51	2	..	2	1·47
Babu B. P. Mitter ...	275	98	373	82	35	117	275	98	373	100·00	82	35	117	100·00	.	.	..	...	..	..	..	...	30	13	43	11·52	2	..	2	1·70
,, J. N. Dutt ...	586	262	848	435	96	531	570	261	831	97·99	431	98	527	99·24	8	1	7	0·82	4	...	4	0·75	59	33	92	10·84	3	43	3	8·85
Mr. O. B. Andrews ..	798	197	995	620	129	749	792	195	987	99·19	619	129	748	99·86	4	.	4	0·40	1	.	1	0·13	7	2	9	0·90	...	2	2	0·26
,, M. Mackertich ...	...	...	...	371	98	469	...	...	...	.	370	97	467	99·14	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	0·42	...	...	...	27	1	28	5·97
Babu A. T. Mookerjee.	238	71	309	769	114	883	237	71	308	99·67	762	113	875	99·09	1	..	1	0·32	7	1	8	0·90	4	1	5	1·61	13	5	18	2·83
Total ...	2,712	1,032	3,744	2,368	517	2,885	2,663	1,029	3,692	98·61	2,355	515	2,870	99·48	25	1	20	0·69	13	2	15	0·51	192	73	265	7·07	33	11	49	3·43

CALCUTTA ;
The 30th April 1887.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT VB.

Return showing results of examination of Emigrants at Goalundo and Kooshtea during the year 1886.

1	2		3		4				5
YEAR.	Number medically examined on arrival.		Number passed as fit to travel.		NUMBER REJECTED				REMARKS.
					For return to their district.		For detention and treatment in depôt or hospital.		
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	
1885	2,690	1,061	2,678	1,055	2	2	Nil	Nil	
1886	2,038	521	2,041	523	.....	.....	Nil	Nil	

GOALUNDO ;
The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT VIA.

Return of Depôt and other Hospitals at Calcutta.

1	2		3		4		5										6		7				8		9		10		11
NAMES OF DEPOT OR OTHER HOSPITAL.	Number in hospital at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year under report.		Total number under treatment.		FOR WHAT DISEASES.										Number cured and discharged.		NUMBER DIED				Number transferred to any authorized hospital.		Number returned to their homes from hospital.		Remaining under treatment at the close of the year.		REMARKS.
							Diarrhœa and dysentry.		Cholera.		Fever.		Measles.		Other diseases.				From cholera.		From other causes.								
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	
Mr. R. Hendry	2	...	2		4	...	..	.	1	...	1		...	..	2	...	4	...	...	..	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	
Babu B. P. Mitter	...	...	2	..	2	...	2	.	. .	.	...	.	...	...	...	.	2	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
,, J. N. Dutt	3	...	43	4	46	4	6	1	...	...	20	.	...	1	18	1	45	4	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	
Mr. O. B. Andrews	...	...	. .	2	.	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
,, M. Mackertich	..	...	27	1	27	1	6	...	3	...	16	1	...	...	2	...	26	1	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	
Babu A. T. Mookerjee ...	..	...	13	5*	13	5	5	2	1	...	3	...	1	3	3	...	10	5	..	...	3	.	2	3	...	..	...	...	
Total ...	5	...	87	12	92	12	19	3	5	...	40	1	1	4	25	3	87	10	1	..	4	2	6	4	...	...	...	...	
Campbell Hospital ...	.	..	6	4	6	4	...	.	5	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	

1 Laborer and one dependent died in depôt after discharge from Campbell Hospital.
1 Laborer absconded from Campbell Hospital.

CALCUTTA ;
The 30th April 1887.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

STATEMENT VIB.

Return of Depôt and other Hospitals.

1	2		3		4		5										6		7				8				9		10
NAME OF DEPOT OR OTHER HOSPITALS.	Number in the hospitals at the close of previous year.		Number admitted during the year in report.		Total number under treatment.		FOR WHAT DISEASE.										Number cured and discharged.		NUMBER DIED				NUMBER TRANSFERRED TO				Number returned to their districts from hospital.		
							Diarrhœa.		Cholera.		Fever.		Small-pox.		Others.				From cholera.		From other diseases.		Government hospital.		Other authorised hospitals.				
	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependent.	Laborers.	Dependents.	Laborers.	Dependents.	
Goalundo Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil	...	...	...	...	...	..	Nil	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil	...	...	...	...	...	Nil	

GOALUNDO;
The 4th February 1887.

V. RICHARDS,
Embarkation Agent.

STATEMENT VII.

Statement showing the number of Emigrants recruited by Contractors embarked at Goalundo under Act I (B.C.) of 1882 *for the districts of Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet during the year* 1886.

ASSAM.

MONTHS.	NUMBER OF LABORERS EMBARKED.										Mode of transit.	Deserted.	PARTICULARS OF PASSAGE.					
	LABORERS.			DEPENDENTS.									MORTALITY.					
													Cholera.		Other causes.		Total.	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.	Percentage of females to males.			Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
1886.																		
January	53	40	93	.....	.....	9	8	4	114	75·47	By steamer.	None.	2	.....	.....	.....	2	1·75
February	87	65	152	.....	.....	29	24	13	218	74·71			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March	26	8	34	.....	.....	3	1	5	43	3·76			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
April	44	39	83	.....	.....	18	17	11	129	88·63			.....	.....	1	0·77	1	0·77
May	65	34	99	.....	.....	5	6	5	115	52·30			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June	31	27	58	.....	.....	15	7	7	87	87·09			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
August	12	6	18	.....	.....	.....	... ..	1	10	50·00			.....	.....	... ..	... ..	... ..	.....
September	5	4	9	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	10	80·00			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	20	15	35	.....	.....	1	5	.....	41	75·00			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	19	12	31	.....	.....	3	... .	3	37	63·15			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
December	24	6	30	.....	.....	3	1	.....	34	25·00			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	386	256	642	.....	... ..	87	69	49	847	66·32			2	0·23	1	0·11	3	·35

CACHAR.

1886.																		
January	61	40	101	.....	.....	6	7	8	122	65·57	By country boats.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
February	54	28	82	... ...	.....	3	3	2	90	51·85		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
March	84	48	132	.....	.....	9	10	10	161	57·14		.....	4	2·48	... ..	.....	4	2·48
April	57	46	103	.....	.....	7	4	6	120	80·70		5	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	...
May	23	34	57	.....	.....	8	9	. .	74	147·82		.....	2	2·70	. ...	.....	2	2·70
June	23	7	30	.....	.....	2	3	2	37	30·43		.....	1	2·70	.....	.....	1	2·70
July	58	28	86	.....	.....	7	3	4	100	48·27	By ditto, and one steamer.*	.....	1	1·0	.....	... ..	1	1·0
August	90	50	140	.....	.....	14	6	3	163	55·5	By country boats.	.....	.....	.....	2	1·22	2	1·23
September	31	23	54	.....	.....	5	4	1	64	74·19		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
October	70	41	111	.....	.....	5	11	1	128	58·57		1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
November	33	20	53	.....	.....	6	.....	1	60	60·60		2	1	1·86	.....	.....	1	1·06
December	55	33	88	.....	.....	8	2	2	100	60·00		2	2	2·0	1	1·00	3	3·0
Total ..	639	398	1,037	.....	.....	80	62	40	1,219	62·28		10	11	0·90	3	0·24	14	1·14

* 20 went by railway steamer to Naraingunge and thence to destination by I. G. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Yara*.

STATEMENT VII—*concluded.*

SYLHET.

Months.	Number of Laborers Embarked.										Mode of transit.	Deserted.	Particulars of Passage.					
	Laborers.			Dependents.						Percentage of females to males.			Mortality.					
													Cholera		Other causes		Total	
	Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants.	Total.				Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.	Number	Percentage
1886																		
January																		
February	14	6	20			1	4	1	26	42·85								
March	26	27	53			7	6	2	68	103 84			3	4 41			3	4 41
April																		
May	29	32	61			8	10		79	110 34		1			1	1 26	1	1 26
June	25	28	53			4	3		60	112 00		2						
July	8	6	14						14	75 00								
August	37	23	60			2	1	3	60	62 16								
September	12	11	23			2	6		31	91 6								
October																		
November	8	6	14			1	2		17	75 00								
December																		
Total	159	139	298			25	32	6	361	87 42	By country boats	3	3	0 83	1	0 27	4	1·10

ABSTRACT.

Districts.	Number of Emigrants Embarked										Mode of transit.	Deserted	Particulars of Passage					
	Laborers			Dependents						Percentage of females to males.			Mortality.					
													Cholera.		Other causes		Total	
	Men.	Women.	Total.	Men.	Women.	Boys.	Girls.	Infants	Total				Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number.	Percentage.
Assam	386	256	642			87	69	49	847	66 32	By steamers and country boats.		2	0 23	1	0 11	3	0 35
Cachar	639	308	1,037			80	62	40	1,219	62 28		10	11	0 90	3	0·24	14	1 14
Sylhet	159	139	298			25	32	6	361	87 42		3	3	0 83	1	0 27	4	1 10
Total	1,184	703	1,977			192	163	95	2,427	66 97		13	16	0·65	5	0 20	21	0 86

CALCUTTA;
The 30th April 1887.

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

Statement VIII.

Statement showing the classification according to native districts of residence of Emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, and Orissa, to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet viâ *Calcutta during the year* 1886.

DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.

Districts of registration of emigrants.	Total number registered in each district.	Percentage of residents of districts of registration to total number registered in the district.	Original districts of residence of registered emigrants. — Bengal.																						Behar.										
			Burdwan.	Bankoora.	Beerbhoom.	Dacca.	Furreedpore.	Hazaribagh.	Howrah.	Hoogly.	Jessore.	Lohardugga.	Midnapore.	Maldah.	Manbhoom.	Moorshedabad.	Nuddea.	Rajshahye.	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	Singbhoom.	24-Pergunnahs.	Total.	Percentage.	Bhagulpore.	Behar.	Durbhunga.	Gya.	Monghyr.	Patna.	Purneah.	Shahabad.	Saran.	Tirhoot.	Total.	Percentage.
Bengal. 24-Pergunnahs	1,590	0 56	76	117	38	3	4	263	3	27	6	31	157	...	40	19	12	1	191	..	9	997		48	1	6	129	136	29	4	70	20	13	456	
Bengal. Burdwan	615	11·21	69	45	122	1	...	54	...	10	1	15	10	1	28	51	2	...	118	...	...	525		7	...	1	22	21	4	2	6	...	9	72	
Bengal. Hazaribagh	236	76·27	.	..	...	...	...	180			.	22	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	..	..	205		1	...	.	5	8	1	...	...	...	...	15	
Bengal. Bankoora	123	78·04	12	96	..	.	...	.	...	...	...	2	7	.	4	.	...	...	1	...	...	122		..	...	.	...	..	...	...	...	...	.		
Bengal. Sonthal Pergunnahs ...	97	53·60	..	7	...	..	...	10	...	...	...			1	...	...	...	...	52	...	3	70		1	...	...	.	22		...	3	...	1	27	
Bengal. Midnapore	69	82·60	...	1	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	57	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	61		...	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..		
Bengal. Manbhoom	10	100	...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.		.	10	.	...	...	...	...	..	10		...		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..		
Total ...	2,740		157	264	160	4	4	507	3	37	7	70	231	2	84	70	14	1	363	3	9	1,990	67·60	57	1	7	156	187	34	6	79	20	23	570	25·50
Behar. Monghyr	143	76 22	...	...	...	.	...	...	...		...	1	...	..	...	...	.	...	1	...	..	2		1			11	109	6	2	1	3	2	135	
Behar. Bhagulpore	53	62·26	.	...	...	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	3	..	.	5		33	..	...	...	9	...	...	...	.	4	46	
Total ...	196		...	...	...	...	...	2	...		...	1	...		...		...	..	4	...		7		34	...	...	11	118	6	2	1	3	6	181	
Orissa. Cuttack . . .	9	55·5	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...		...	...	.		...	...	.	.	...	...		...	...	.	...	...	..		..	...		...	
Total ...	9		.	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	..	...	...		...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	2,945		157	264	160	4	4	509	3	37	7	71	231	2	84	70	14	1	367	3	9	1,997		91	1	7	167	305	40	8	80	23	29	751	

STATEMENT VIII—*concluded.*

Statement showing the classification according to native districts of residence of Emigrants registered in the districts of Bengal, Behar, and Orissa, to proceed to Assam, Cachar, and Sylhet via *Calcutta during the year* 1886.

DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE.

| DISTRICTS OF REGISTRATION OF EMIGRANTS. | ORIGINAL DISTRICTS OF RESIDENCE OF REGISTERED EMIGRANTS—*Concluded.* | | |

STATEMENT IX.

Statement of mortality among the Crew and Passengers other than Emigrants on board the steamers to Assam during the year 1886.

INDIA GENERAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY AND RIVERS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

MONTHS.	NAMES OF VESSELS.	MORTALITY AMONG CREW AND PASSENGERS OTHER THAN EMIGRANTS.									Grand total of deaths.
		CREW.			PASSENGERS.						
					European.			Native.			Total deaths amongst passengers.
		From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	From cholera.	From other causes.	Total.	

It is reported that there were no deaths during the year amongst the crew and non-emigrant passengers on board the vessels of the above-named Companies.

CALCUTTA,
The 30th April 1887;

J. GRANT,
Superintendent of Emigration.

R. D'R. Reg. No. 2491J—275—2-6-87.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

INLAND EMIGRATION.

CALCUTTA, THE 18TH JULY 1887.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Report on Inland Emigration for the year 1886.

The report is submitted by Dr. Grant, who continued to hold the office of Superintendent of Inland Emigration during the year. The appointment of Medical Inspector of Emigrants was held by Dr. McConnell for the first six months, and by Dr. Chandra for the last six months of the year. Dr. Richards superintended emigration arrangements at Goalundo till the end of June 1886, when he was deputed to another station, and during the rest of the year the work of superintendence and medical inspection of emigrants at Goalundo was performed by the Sub-divisional Officer, Mr. Müller, and by Dr. Bose.

Administrative measures.

2. Arrangements were made during the year for the medical inspection of emigrants at Mugra, Jaipur Hât, Dhubri, Goalundo and Naraingunge, with a view to the removal and treatment of those who might be found to be suffering from cholera or similar diseases. Instructions were issued to prevent these necessary examinations being made the occasion of undue detention. A revised scale of establishment was sanctioned for the office of the Embarkation Agent at Goalundo, whereby an annual saving of Rs. 240 has been effected. It has been arranged, since the close of the year, on a proposal made by the Chief Commissioner of Assam, that Station-Masters on the Eastern Bengal State Railway and Northern Bengal State Railway shall telegraph to the Embarkation Agent at Dhubri reports of cases of cholera occurring among passengers travelling by rail to that station.

3. A daily steamer service between Naraingunge, Cachar, and Sylhet was introduced on the 1st January 1887, and it is confidently hoped that employers will avail themselves freely of the facility which has been in this way afforded to emigration, and thus put an end to the excessive mortality from cholera, so prevalent among coolies in the long and tedious boat journeys up-stream.

Recruitment.

4. In the Resolution upon last year's report, it was noticed that there existed a tendency towards the substitution of free emigration to the labour districts for recruitment under Act, I of 1882. This conclusion has been amply confirmed by the experience of the year 1886, in which only 13,069 labourers and their dependents were registered under the Act, as against 16,404 in 1885, and 31,157 in 1884. Three contractors worked throughout the year, against five in 1885 and six in 1884: 106 recruiters were employed, as against 147 in 1885 and 211 in 1884, and the recruiters registered on an average 27 emigrants, as against an average of 30 in 1885 and 33·55 in 1884. On the other hand, it appears that the number of free emigrants to Assam increased from 9,320 to 13,134: the number of free emigrants to Cachar and Sylhet is not known.

5. In recruiting under the Act, the tendency is to substitute the agency of garden sardars for that of contractors. The contractors, who formerly had in their hands by far the greater part of the business, engaged during the year 1886 only 2,945 coolies; the garden sardars as many as 10,124. The contractors work chiefly for the gardens of Sylhet and Cachar.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor notices with pleasure that it was not found necessary to cancel the license of any recruiter during the year. Of the garden sardars one was deprived of his license for misconduct, which consisted in engaging a married woman without the consent of her husband. Some

licensed female recruiters were employed during the year, but apparently without much success.

Districts of recruitment.

7. The statement showing the districts from which emigrants come has, like some of the other tables attached to the report, lost most of its original value, inasmuch as it relates only to coolies recruited through contractors, who now form but a small fraction of the whole body. Some information as to the numbers recruited by garden sardars is given in the body of the report, but it is very incomplete. On the whole, however, it is clear that Hazaribagh, the Sonthal Pergunnahs, Monghyr, Bankura, Gya, and Midnapore are the chief recruiting grounds.

Transport.

8. Dr. Grant is able to give complete particulars only as to the transport of emigrants registered by contractors, as the others travel independently. As in the preceding year, all the emigrants registered by contractors were brought in the first place to Calcutta, none going to Goalundo direct. Of the 2,945 persons registered during the year, 2,885 arrived in the Calcutta depôts, nine were discharged and 51 deserted. After the addition of 221 persons remaining from the previous year, and of two infants born in the depôts, the number lodged in the Calcutta depôts in 1886 was 3,108. Of these 2,422 departed for Goalundo, and 16 travelled by rail to Dhubri. The remainder were disposed of as follows:—Fifteen were rejected, 204 discharged, 265 deserted, 7 died, 138 remained in the depôts at the close of the year, and 41 were not accounted for by a contractor who closed his depôt. Of these last persons, Dr. Grant writes:—"It is probable that the coolies were allowed to leave the depôt to be engaged elsewhere, in order to avoid the payment to them of compensation, which would have been awarded them had they been discharged in the usual way with the knowledge and consent of the Superintendent of Emigration." This irregularity should be borne in mind in the event of the contractor seeking a renewal of his license.

9. The following table compares the details of the diminution in number of the emigrants during their stay at the depôts with the corresponding particulars for 1885:—

	Year.			
	1885.		1886.	
Daily average strength	29·07		18·34	
Daily sick	1·17		0·66	
	Number.	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Rejections, including relatives ..	58	1·30	22	0·70
Ditto, excluding relatives ...	32	0·72	15	0·48
Discharges	386	8·68	204	6·56
Desertions	274	6·16	265	8·52
Deaths from cholera	5	0·11	1	0·03
Total deaths from other causes ...	9	0·20	6	0·19

10. The figures for 1886 compare favourably with those for the preceding year under every head except "Desertions," as to which the Superintendent observes:—

"As regards desertions, since coolies who abscond carry their reasons with them, it is of course impossible, except in the few instances where deserters return to depôt after having failed in obtaining employment elsewhere, to ascertain the causes of desertion; but especially in view of the small demand for contractors' coolies during the past year, it is not unlikely that most of the desertions were due to the desire for immediate employment, and consequent disinclination to wait in depôt for the chance of being selected by employers. All coolies who had completed their month's residence in depôt, and expressed a desire to leave, as they had not been found work, were, after payment to them of compensation, returned in the usual manner, at the expense of the contractor, to the place of registration."

11. The Lieutenant-Governor agrees with the Sanitary Commissioner in considrering that the improved statistics of sickness and mortality show that the sanitary arrangements of the depôts are now better, and that the supervision is more close. Every person admitted into the depôts was vaccinated. With regard to rejections, Dr. Chandra points out in his report that, although the number is small, it might be still further reduced if greater strictness were observed in the medical inspection of emigrants before they are despatched from the recruiting districts. This observation is supported by the figures given on page 10 of Dr. Grant's report, which show that four emigrants after they had been accepted in the interior as fit were rejected in Calcutta for idiotcy and one for double cataract. The attention of medical officers will be drawn to this subject.

12. In tracing the history of the contractors' coolies after their departure from Calcutta, it is satisfactory to find that there were no casualties on the journey to Goalundo, and only one death, that of a newly born infant, in the depôts at that station, which are said to have been exceptionally healthy. The number accommodated in these depôts was 2,433, of whom 847 were despatched to the Assam Valley, 1,219 to Cachar and 361 to Sylhet. Among the Assam emigrants three deaths (two from cholera) occurred during the steamer voyage to the tea districts, and on the boat journeys to Cachar and Sylhet 13 emigrants deserted and 18 died (14 from cholera).

13. Particulars of the journey of sardari emigrants are incomplete, since the way-bills were not always returned to the Superintendent, as they should have been. But from the information furnished, it is evident that the mortality among coolies of this class during their journey by boat to Sylhet and Cachar was, as in previous years, very great. Out of 4,624 persons accounted for in the way-bills, as many as 216 died from cholera, and 33 from other causes, the percentage of deaths being 5·38. Some information should have been given as to the stage of the journey in which the mortality occurred, and it is requested that this may now be furnished in a supplementary report. The excessive mortality among the coolies taken by sardars in boats to Cachar and Sylhet has long been the great drawback to the system of emigration, and it is hoped that a change will be effected now that the India General Steam Navigation Company have established a line of steamers, by the aid of which a great part of the voyage can be accomplished without delay or risk. The table given on page 16 of Dr. Grant's report also shows that 42 of these emigrants deserted, and that 22 were left behind *en route*. These particulars have been ascertained in consequence of the return of a larger number of way-bills than in former years, and the Lieutenant-Governor desires that Dr. Grant will continue his efforts to effect a further improvement in this respect.

Period of contract.

14. Of the engagements entered into by contractors' labourers, not quite 10 per cent. were for a term of five years, and the remainder were for three years. Of labourers recruited by garden sardars and placed on contract in the recruiting districts, nearly 43 per cent. were made for five years. On this subject Dr. Grant writes :—

"It seems reasonable to conclude that coolies, under the influence of garden sardars, in whom they would be likely to have more confidence than in contractors' recruiters, would show less reluctance to engaging for five years than contractors' coolies, and the result may, I think, be in great part attributed to that cause."

It is to be observed that of 8,682 contracts made before the Emigration Agent at Dhubri during the year, only 348 or 4 per cent. were made for three years, and all the remainder for five years. It would thus appear that coolies generally contract for the shorter period when the engagement is made in their own district, for the longer term when it is concluded at the end of the journey from Bengal.

15. The Lieutenant-Governor tenders his thanks to Dr. Grant for his efficient supervision of inland emigration during the year.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

P. NOLAN,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 103.

COPY submitted to the Secretary to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, for information.

No. 104.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent of Emigration for information.

No. 105.

COPY forwarded to the Secretary to the Chief Commissioner of Assam for the information of the Chief Commissioner.

No. 106.

COPY forwarded to the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals for information, with special reference to paragraph 11. The attention of medical officers in the recruiting districts should be drawn to this paragraph.

No. 107.

COPY forwarded to the Sanitary Commissioner, Bengal, for information.

No. 108.

COPY forwarded to the Medical Department of this office for information, with the intimation that copies have been sent to the Sanitary Commissioner for Bengal and the Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals.

Circular No. 16.

COPY forwarded to all Commissioners of Divisions for information and for communication to District Officers.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

W. C. MACPHERSON,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA;
The 18th July 1887.

C. E. G. —Reg. No. 4070C—525—22-7-87.